

# \* WHY REPLACE THE BRIDGE? \*

- ▶ If either main girder gets damaged or develops fatigue cracks, the bridge could collapse.
- ▶ The bridge could become unstable in a design scour event. Short term repairs were made in 2003.
- ▶ Bridge railings do not meet safety, geometric, or strength specifications.
- ▶ The bridge width does not accommodate shoulders and disabled vehicles must stop within the travel lane.
- ▶ The bridge was not designed to handle today's heavier loads or traffic that is projected by the year 2030.

